Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar: Under the present agreement, Government cannot interfere in the internal administration of the railway by the Company.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether there is any scope for control over the income from railways?

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar: What control, Sir?

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: It is stated that under the agreement we are not in a position to interfere with the accounts submitted by the company. My question is whether there is any scope for us to have control over the railway?

President: He asks whether the Government are contemplating any change in the agreement.

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar: The present agreement will be in force till 1945. Nothing can be done before its expiry.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether it is the agreement of 1901 that is in force even now?

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar: Yes, together with a supplemental agreement.

Registry of lands bordering the Neriamangalam-Pallivasal road.

43. * **Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the lands bordering the Neriamangalam—Pallivasal road have been made available for registry to private individuals, and if not, the reason for the same;

(*b*) if the registry of lands has been sanctioned, whether the lands are to be sold in public auction; and

(*c*) whether Government are aware that there are now many unauthorised occupations of these lands?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) The lands bordering the Neriamangalam—Pallivasal road within the jurisdiction of the Kottayam Division and known as Mannan Kandom have been surveyed into 4 blocks covering an area of 2776·86 acres. This area is available for registry. The lands bordering the said road within the Devicolam Division have not yet become available for registry as they have not yet been surveyed.

(*b*) Of the above 2776·86 acres in the Kottayam Division an extent of 300 acres of wet land has been auctioned and the auction sale confirmed.

(*c*) There are some unauthorised occupations of these lands within the Devicolam Division. They are in the majority of cases made by Muduvans and steps are in progress for the registry of the

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occupied lands in their favour, subject to a maximum limit of 3 acres to each single Muduvan family on concessional terms. The lands in the Kottayam Division are all unoccupied.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad: May I know the sum realised by auction?

Mr. K. George: About Rs. 84,000.

Newspapers, periodicals, &c., subscribed for by Government.

44. *Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state what are the newspapers (daily, tri-weekly, bi-weekly, weekly, monthly, &c.,) periodicals, journals, magazines, etc., subscribed for by Government during 1108 and 1109, how many copies of each and at what cost?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: *A statement containing the information is laid on the table.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: What will be the cost incurred by Government for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The number of copies subscribed for and the rates of subscription are given in the statement laid on the table. I have not worked out the total cost.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know for whose use those papers are subscribed for?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: For the use of the Government, the Press Room, the Dewan and other officers. Some copies are sent to the Sections in the Secretariat and some to the Chief Secretary.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether important matters mentioned in the papers are brought to the notice of Government by anybody?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: By whom?

Rao Sahib Dr. N Kunjan Pillai: By the Publicity Officer.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether, in subscribing to the papers, Government follow any principle in making distinction between one paper and another?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: In the case of certain papers Government subscribe for more copies than in the case of others.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether the copies are subscribed for on the basis of the number of years of standing of the papers?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: There is no such rule.

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